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EXDIS FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM THE SECRETARY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, US CU

SUBJECT: US DISCUSSIONS WITH CUBA

1. PLEASE CONVEY FOLLOWING ORAL MESSAGE TO FOREIGN
MINISTER MARCH 24 PRIOR TO 1200 HOURS WASHINGTON TIME.

2. BEGIN MESSAGE: WE WILL SHORTLY ANNOUNCE PUBLICLY THAT
UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVES HAVE JUST MET WITH RE-
PRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF CUBA. OUR GOVERNMENT
HAD PREVIOUSLY INDICATED THAT IT WAS PREPARED TO RESPOND
POSITIVELY TO A CUBAN INITIATIVE THAT TALKS TAKE PLACE
BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES ON THE UNITED STATES LAW
ESTABLISHING A 200 MILE FISHERIES CONSERVATION ZONE ON
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MARCH 1. IN THESE INITIAL AND EXPLORATORY DISCUSSIONS
WE ALSO TOLD THE CUBANS THAT WE WISH TO DISCUSS OTHER OUT-
STANDING ISSUES BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

3. IT IS, OF COURSE, IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE HOW THESE
DISCUSSIONS WILL DEVELOP, PARTICULARLY GIVEN CUBAN PRE-
CONDITIONS FOR NEGOTIATIONS. THE ISSUES IN US-CUBAN

RELATIONS ARE EXTREMELY COMPLEX AND WE DO NOT MINIMIZE
THE DIFFICULTIES TO BE ENCOUNTERED IN ADDRESSING THEM,

4. WE ARE FULLY AWARE OF THE DIFFICULTIES INVOLVED IN
SEEKING TO ESTABLISH A NEW RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CASTRO
REGIME AND THE PROBABILITY THAT NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE
PROTRACTED. WE WISH TO ASSURE YOU THAT WE SHALL
CONTINUALLY BEAR IN MIND THE CONCERNS OF THOSE NEARBY
NATIONS WHO HAVE BEEN VICTIMS OF CASTRO INSPIRED
AGGRESSION IN THE PAST. I WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED OF
SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS AS THE DIALOGUE PROGRESSES.
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